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Annual Big E Opens Sept. 13th ***NH Day is Sept 20th; Visit the NH Building throughout the Fair***

The 2019 Eastern States Exposition (the Big E!) opens in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Sept. 13th and continues through Sept. 29th. Last year, over 1.5 million people visited the Big E to learn about the New England states and experience regional agriculture, hands-on living history, music and performances from national and regional entertainers, great food, demonstrations and exhibits, animals, exciting rides and games!

New Hampshire has been a part of the Big E's Avenue of States since 1930 with its own state pavilion. Each of the New England States have a building on the Avenue where fair-goers can experience a taste of New England in an afternoon! Generations of Big E attendees have enjoyed an annual visit to New Hampshire via the Big E New Hampshire Building.

Visitors to this year's New Hampshire Building will find an impressive gathering of businesses, products and entertainers, each sharing their own story, highlighting New Hampshire craftsmanship, food and the arts. At the state information booth, folks can find answers to specific questions about New Hampshire activities and attractions and get help in planning a trip to the Granite State.

New Hampshire food and agriculture are also showcased at the Building with special exhibits and demonstrations by the New Hampshire maple and Christmas tree associations. There will be plenty of the famous New Hampshire Mac & Cheese along with favorites, blueberry pie and ice cream, plus the ever-popular butter-dipped New Hampshire corn-on-the-cob. Everything is served fresh at the New Hampshire Building!

Special demonstrations have been scheduled each day of the fair featuring New Hampshire crafters at work. Fair-goers will be able to see chair-caning, woodcarving, basket making, Shaker box making and other Shaker crafts, Russian doll making, weaving and more. Musical entertainment is planned for each weekend in the New Hampshire Building, showcasing local New Hampshire musicians. This year's lineup includes an eclectic list of New Hampshire performers from across the state: Peg & Cheryl, Newmarket; The Jazz Express, Keene; Happy Hour Quartet, Nashua; Tropical Sensations, Troy; Timothy Gurshin, Concord; Tuckerman's at 9, Dover; Ellen and Darrell Carlson, Nottingham.

New Hampshire Day at the Big E is Sept. 20th. Additional activities and events have been set for this special day, featuring New Hampshire performers: the Monadnock Mavericks dance group of Keene; New England Voices in Harmony Women's Chorus, Nashua; Ben Pratt Magic, Stoddard; the Ukeladies, Manchester; the Mill Band, Hanover. Also on New Hampshire Day, a chainsaw wood carving demonstration by Clayton George, Salisbury and the historic Peppersass engine from the Cog Railway will be on display.

There will be lots to see and do during the 2019 Big E with plenty of fun for the whole family. The New Hampshire Building is managed by the New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food. For more information call tel. 271-3788, or visit www.agriculture.nh.gov for a more detailed program. For more information about the Big E, log on to www.thebige.com

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